

PAPILIO ACHILLES.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes (volatu diurno).

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PAPILIO alis dentatis : supra nigris fascia cærulea ; subtus fuscis : ocellis tribus quinifve.

Lin Syst. Nat. p. 752.

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Clerk. ic. t. 24. fig. 2.

Mer. Sur. t. 7. ?

Americam Australem incolit grande hoc insectum, venusta quadam dignitate conspicuum. Colores interdum variant. Habent nempe nonnulla specimina fasciam istam quæ splendidissime cærulea est latiore multo quam alia. Differunt etiam tum numero tum colore pallidæ illæ maculæ ad apices alarum superiorum sitæ, interdumque fere albæ sunt, et paululum ocellatæ, interdum subfusco obumbratæ. Superfici inferioris

inferioris color est fuscus, fribus pallidioribus undulatus,
maculisque magnis ocellatis, quarum alba sunt centra,
distinctus.



Samia cynthia May 1850 by F. A. Walker Esq. No. 18. *Samia cynthia*

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

The *Antennæ* or *Horns* thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

The *Wings* (when sitting) erect, and meeting upwards. (*Flight* diurnal).

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACK BUTTERFLY with indented wings, crossed by a broad band of blue : the lower surface brown, with ocellated spots.

This insect, so remarkable for its size and the grandeur of its appearance, is a native of South America. It is subject to some variety; the band of brilliant blue being wider in some specimens than in others : there is also a difference in the number as well as the color of the pale spots with which the upper wings are marked towards their tips, which in some specimens are nearly white, and of a somewhat ocellated appearance ; in others

others tinged with pale brown. The lower surface of this insect is brown, undulated with paler streaks, and ornamented by some large ocellated spots with white centres or pupils.